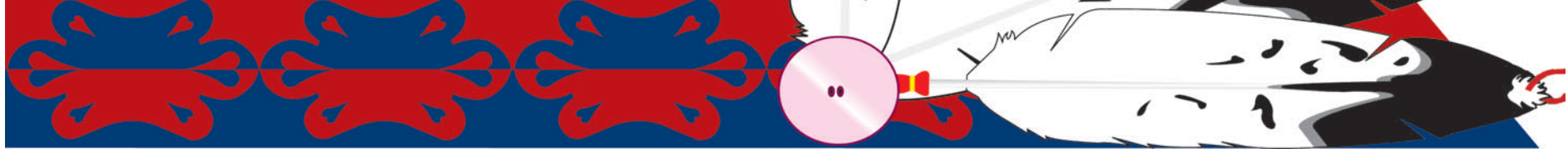


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Shooting on the Menominee Indian Reservation

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Ronald Cloud, 20, of Neopit surrendered to Tribal authorities on the evening of Monday, August 25, 2003 in a wooded area after an all night and day multi-jurisdictional manhunt. He was allegedly involved in a shooting that took place in Neopit the night before and was arrested on a Federal Arrest Warrant for the charge of aggravated assault.

It is alleged that while in a vehicle Brian Peters, Jr. and his cousin, Gerome Peters, were confronted by Cloud in another vehicle. Cloud is said to have fired a gun at the vehicle, injuring the two cousins.

Brian Peters, Jr. suffered a gun shot wound to the chest and his cousin, Gerome Peters, was struck in the leg by shrapnel. Brian was transported to the Theda Clark Medical Center in Neenah for surgery, while Gerome was treated and released from the Shawano Medical Center.

Cloud appeared before the Federal Magistrate in the U.S. District Court in Green Bay on Tuesday, August 26, 2003, where he was formally informed of the charge of aggravated assault. If convicted on the charge, Cloud could face up to 10 years in prison and multiple fines. At this time, Cloud is being detained by federal authorities. He will be making an initial appearance in the near future.

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High speed pursuit ends after collision with semi



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A high speed chase on the Menominee Indian Reservation ended when the suspect in pursuit collided with a semi-tractor trailer on County Highway A near Gresham. The semi driver swerved off the road into a corn field to avoid a head-on collision. Fortunately for both of the drivers, the collision did not cause any life threatening injuries.

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After an altercation at the Menominee Indian High School in Keshena on Wednesday, September 3, 2003, Menominee Tribal Police were involved in a high speed pursuit of the suspect reaching speeds of approximately 90 miles per hour. The driver of the fleeing vehicle was identified as Brandon Webster, 17, of Neopit.

The pursuit continued south bound through the nearby Village of Gresham in Shawano County. The Menominee County Dispatch then notified the Shawano County Sheriff's Department that a Menominee squad was in pursuit of a vehicle on County Highway

G headed south bound in the Town of Red Springs. The vehicle was said to be possibly carrying a weapon.

Shawano County Deputy Dan Weisensel immediately positioned stinger spikes near Blueberry Road and County Highway A. The vehicle in pursuit drove through Gresham at speeds reaching 60-70 miles per hour. Continuing on County Highway A, the vehicle hit the spikes and continued for about a 1/2 mile before crossing the center line and driving into the path of an on-coming semi-tractor trailer making contact.

The semi driver, Jerod Hoffman of Gresham, veered off onto the road's shoulder avoiding a head on collision. Shawano

County Authorities said that by swerving, the semi driver "undoubtedly spared the driver of the fleeing vehicle of more serious injury or death." After contact with the semi, the car driven by Webster hit a police car driven by Menominee Tribal Police Officer, David Mahkimetas. The collision immediately ended the chase. According to the authorities no weapons were found in the vehicle.

Fortunately Hoffman was uninjured, however, Webster and Menominee Tribal Police Officer Mahkimetas, received non-life threatening injuries and were

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